

HOUSE BILL NO. 590

INTRODUCED BY BUZZAS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE REACTIVATION OF AN ELECTOR IF THE ELECTOR APPEARS IN ORDER TO VOTE OR VOTES BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN ANY ELECTION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-222 AND 13-2-512, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 13-2-222, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-2-222. Reactivation of elector. (1) The name of an elector must be moved by an election administrator from the inactive list to the active list of a county if an elector meets the requirements for registration provided in this chapter and:

(a) appears in order to vote or votes by absentee ballot in a federal any election;

(b) notifies the county election administrator in writing of the elector's current residence, which must be in that county; or

(c) completes a reactivation form provided by the county election administrator that provides current address information in that county.

(2) After an elector has complied with subsection (1)(a), (1)(b), or (1)(c), the county election administrator shall place the elector's name on the active voting list for that county.

~~(3) To be effective for a nonfederal election, a reactivation of an elector must be accomplished no later than 30 days before the election.~~

(3) An elector reactivated pursuant to subsection (1)(a) is a legally registered elector for purposes of the election in which the elector voted."

Section 2. Section 13-2-512, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-2-512. Right to vote when precinct or name changed -- inactive elector -- change of status.

(1) An elector who has changed residence to a different precinct within the same county and has failed to notify the election administrator of the change by a transfer or new registration form may vote in the precinct where the elector is registered at the first election at which the elector offers to vote after the change or at a central

1 location designated by the election administrator unless the elector's registration has been canceled as provided
2 in 13-2-402.

3 (2) An elector who still resides in the same precinct where registered, whose name has changed, and
4 who has failed to notify the election administrator of the change by a new registration form may vote under the
5 elector's former name at the first election at which the elector offers to vote after the change unless the elector's
6 registration has been canceled as provided in 13-2-402.

7 (3) The elector shall state the elector's correct residence address and name when offering to vote and
8 shall complete a transfer form or new registration form to make the necessary correction before being allowed
9 to sign the precinct register and vote.

10 ~~(4) If an inactive elector appears to vote or votes by absentee ballot in a federal election, that elector~~
11 ~~must be allowed to vote and must be removed from the inactive list and placed on the active list."~~

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